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Tao Wu et al.

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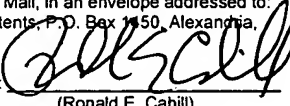
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Art Unit: 2882

For: TOMOSYNTHESIS IMAGING SYSTEM
AND METHOD

Examiner: David V. Bruce

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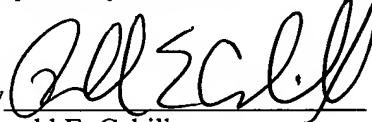
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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Multiple dependent claims						360	180
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